

Speaker Name	Organization	Type of Organization	Comment highlights
Karen LaFrazia*	St. Francis House	Homeless	Dedicate funding w/ specialized services for unaccompanied, homeless adults... consistent in meeting employment needs of specific communities
Suzanne Kenney*	Project Place	Homeless	Intensive client support coordinated case management; multiple barriers - hard to contact, criminal, mental health, others: Key principles service: specialized services supported by research. People resist formalized services; fears of losing public entitlements can make it difficult to work; access to WIA and other traditionally funded are hard to do; measured completion and retention rates are disincentivized in WIA system.
Deb Putnam*	Hope Found	Homeless	
Sara Holt, Auris Rosario	Year Up	Year Up	subsidizing time and space young adults need for livable wage career and training. State should target at least 15% to low-wage earners; long term unemployed and 15-24 year old out-of-work youth. City might: Mayor executive order to pull together the programs targeting residents and review on this issue JCS job targeting and job targeting ordinance; City gets streams of money that can create jobs, road and support integrated training. Lot of barriers faced by immigrants. Need more intensity of English services to go to training programs. Interruptions in education, family support barriers. Need navigation supports for career choices, mentorship, pre and post-placement and accreditation. Need middle skills - jump from ESL to huge potential for what happens in Boston neighborhoods. Need principle to move economy to make more money. Need money to go directly to agency so they control the money and can hold teens accountable for work. Way selected for jobs is critical - need to get jobs through face-to-face interviews. Needs of young mission to reduce gap between rich and poor. 8 CBO's and 7 unions. Coalition to work on green jobs - sustainable and equitable clean energy. Stimulus best opportunity in generation to address unprecedented levels of inequality. Mass. has highest racial wealth inequality; Boston has 3rd highest level among 50 largest
Mary Jo Connelly*	Community Labor United	CBO's and Unions	More money for jobs for 14-24 year olds; more money for programs like HSTF's, programs are like home for teens; reduce violence
Digna Feliciano	Hyde Square Task Force	Latinos	social and emotional disabilities and learning, cognitive and other disabilities; most at risk population.
Ryan Eisenberg*	Compass School	multiple disabled youth	Outcomes - tend to be financial burdens - various problems. Underfunded, understaffed, underserved. Project will be less financial burdens on things. Build on successful models - more qualified programs. Look primarily serve New Bostonians. Support integrated ITA's - ESOL and job training. Also need ABE/skills integrated training. Require longer services. To move quickly, need strong collaboration with career center to facilitate enrollment. Help older youth to get into jobs and match with employers that can help continue short term training for people with skills get ready for short-term training. Don't use money on dead end jobs - need long term skills. Employers say number one thing keeping residents from construction employment is soft skills - these must be emphasized. Training has direct linkages to neighborhoods. Flexible money needed support excellent set of goals - hope for state advocacy. What near most from community - gap between English learning and skills training is too big. Not able to make jump to skills needed to get training, and for those able to go to training to get training-related jobs. Support English for employment, contextual Boston Chinatown continues to have jobs or immigrants coming in; many don't speak English. Difficult time for people who don't speak English; many Chinatown households have less than \$15,000 income/year. Without English, not able to get into unions to get good jobs, so need programs focused on immigrants. People work more comprehensive plan for teen employment. After school jobs needed. Need job placement and readiness skills - programs not just be placement. Need to have CBO's that help them for a lifetime of jobs.
Lydia Lowe	Chinese Progressive Association	Boston Chinese residents	Dorchester Bay has various jobs, has 2 factories, and has green businesses (Green wet cleaning, possible solar Disturbing trend - JUVs or mature workers who had responsible jobs without work. Because have college degrees, not eligible for ITA's. Competent individuals that need update of computer and job search skills.
Henry Yee	Chinatown Residents Association	Chinatown Residents	Consider college grads to be eligible for vouchers.
Dan Gelburtum	Dorchester Bay EDC		
Joan Cirillo	Operation ABE	mature workers	

	Chinese Progressive Association	Chinese community	Lot of unemployed workers that don't speak English. Low income, difficult to survive economically. Govt. should put more money into English and job training programs so they have more opportunities.
Kwai Soohoo	Association		Serve Asians and serve other residents of Boston. Increase of people looking for jobs. AACA has created an employment center. Even though the career center provides some of the same services, they are overwhelmed some of the services are able to serve the population better. English for employment is worst economic times since great depression. IRRA is first significant injection of money into system in many years. Is an opportunity to do high quality programs that we need to do. Some jobs will not come back - suggest that we may need some focus on retraining, applaud decision to do group contracts to allow for involved in employment and training and about ed. for homeless. Rapid re-employment programs. Lot of homeless people are homeless just for jobs. Would also like to see in sustaining employment lead to employment. Like to see some funds for offenders who have become homeless.
Chau-ming Lee*	Asian American Civic Association	Asians and other residents	
Jerry Rubin	JVS*		
John Christian	Boston Public Health Commission	Homeless	
Corey Grier	BPHC	Homeless	Very dramatic increase in barriers to employment. Need for work employment programs. Comprehensive programming that includes all the supports and holistic services - get jobs and succeed in keeping them. Funds for ABE programs are drying up. Need to supply party for population which is becoming more and more marginalized. 2 additional barriers for population - CORI barriers; additional support services for these. "Bang for the buck" of programs for ex-offenders provide enormous savings in terms of public assistance and creativity and hard work of non-profit community to be applauded. Services since 1918. Population among the highest risk. Youth 14-24, many of the older ones have CORI issues. Leadership development helps, but if don't have job to move into, they can't make the step out of the at risk life. CORI people finding in difficult public/private/community organization. Policy: all future incentives to expand businesses should contain specific provisions for English as a Second language initiatives. Support allocating jobs to low income workers and low income youth (MCCAM initiative). ENB has programs that fit some of them. Experience in mass two things - the greatest and fastest infusion of workforce funds we've seen in a generation. Many Washington people don't recognize workforce development's importance. Need to convey and emphasize middle skills - post secondary skills. Many people need a lot of supports to secure organizations. Need to provide about basic education services. Barriers to education, problems advocating for children - plus other barriers shared with people. Many basic education people lack other skills, including study skills. Before our population can develop job readiness or high school equivalency, need these skills. DEAF, Inc. is only deaf-agency started by college students. Need to make sure money is filtered through agencies so that youth are followed up. High risk youth include a lot of people - some are hidden, should not also forget people doing well and doing very well. Should think parents, families, holistic solutions. Would like to see small committee transitional jobs workforce act should be done by the city. Transitional jobs strategy of broad coalition for opportunities and strategic response of all stakeholders to make workforce development training including time limited subsidized jobs. People on assistance will not make it against all these barriers without this kind
Paul Baxter	City Mission City	high risk youth	
Claudia Green*	English for New Bostonians	English language learners	
Sue Parsons	workforce solutions group	whole system	
Sharon Applegate*	DEAF, Inc.	Deaf individuals	
Robert Bridgeman	Phillips Brooks House		
Judy Becker*	St. Mary's Women and Children's Center		
Justice Williams	The City School	youth	We need to see young people have opportunities so they don't turn to doing other things to survive. We need to believe in the power and future leadership of our young people. Focus on connecting green jobs to disadvantaged people. Worked on grants that became gateway city grants. Her concern is the coordination between these various grants - money from state, money from federal grants, and federal stimulus package. Wants evaluation of what needs to be done. Let's target money in a primarily Roxbury/Dorchester/Mattapan area. 120 organizations. Could help JCS distribute funds into these organizations. Encourage to use funds to develop capacity in local areas. Stimulus funding should not supplant state/govt. money that now exist. Would like to second recommendation for community see necessary for summer jobs but also welcome extending to year-round services which often serves high risk. Eligibility requirements - to extend beyond income eligibility beyond poverty. Welcome efforts to review the formula that limits only 12% to youth.
Adam Gibbons	Mass Green Jobs Coalition High Risk Youth Network/Black Ministerial Alliance	disadvantaged communities High risk youth	
Jerome Ryan	Boston Youth Services Network	youth	
Lloyd David	Creative workforce learning		testimony not captured on DVD (CD ran out of memory)

WRITTEN TESTIMONY#			# This section includes only summaries of testimony that was not also given at the hearing. * indicates orally presented testimony that also has
Lenore Balliro*	World Education, Inc.	adult ed. learners, adult ed. staff	Because of need for quick distribution, some ARRA money for ESOL and integrated English skills training programs should be set aside for technical assistance for staff and program development assistance in curriculum development, other areas.
(does not duplicate oral testimony)	Year Up Leadership Through Education, Action and Hope (LEAH)	young adults	Recommend: 1) models should measure success against outcomes; 2) employment placements should help participants practice technical and soft skills; 3) serve populations with evident needs, likelihood of success with support; 4) Go beyond WIA eligibility and require rigorous performance; 5) provide training and
Laura Cowan		Teens nursery, college graduates applying for training	Paid, out-of-school-time, skills building opportunities for lower-income youth. Community-minded, youth development approach. After school hours are most statistically dangerous time for youth.
Sherry Dong	The Chinatown Coalition	Chinatown residents	mass, unlike other states, does not have higher ed. institutions or vendor list for WIA. Encourage state to: 1) comply with intent of ARRA to make funding available to college educated, and heed DOL guidance that institutions of higher learning "need not be on a state list of eligible providers of training services in order to community experiencing job losses at hotels, community grocery stores, restaurants, other downsizing industries. Decrease in after-school services, increase in demand for English classes and job placement services. Need spectrum of services, especially English Language and Career exploration. Need ESOL at all specific set-aside for funding for the homeless; programs funded what they actually cost. HOUSING FIRST model and homeless workforce programs should be prioritized. Urge full reimbursement for services regardless of whether job placed and retain jobs. Urge principle of targeting new resources to those at or below 30% AMI
Lydia Downey	Pine Street Inn	Homeless Dislocated and un-	
Richard Goldberg; Fred Bennett	Chinatown community Educational Partnership	employed Boston Chinese community	Urge to fund a continuum of services which would include survival-level English, English for Employment, higher level pre-voc. English, job readiness assistance and vocational training that integrated ABE and ESOL. Endorses use of ARRA funds to assist those with the greatest barriers to employment, rather than those facing short term obstacles. Tout their human services employment program and supermarket tycoon program which trains people for Stop and Shop jobs.
?	Morgan Memorial Goodwill	unemployed and underemployed	Hyde Square task force provides a safe space for youth to be able to do things without fear of street violence; year-round jobs give youth opportunities, helps motivate them to stay in school and helps replace street-life activities.
Johnny Negron	Hyde Square Task Force	youth, Hyde Square neighborhood	Expand programs from summer to year-round. extend ages from 15-21 to 14-24. Different organizations sponsor youth to be in the Hyde Square youth program - asking JCS to fund existing programs so Hyde Square Health Careers Ambassadors can continue
Steven Porix	Hyde Square Task Force	youth, Hyde Square neighborhood	ask to build upon funded program for youth to provide 50 employment slots for CSAPP youth, ages 14-24, males and females. Would like to be qualified for employment in programs offered by agencies; PIC, ABCD, HOPE>
Bette Bohkie O'Gara	Comprehensive School Age Parenting Program, Inc.	Boston school-age youth.	